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Applicants: Nakamo et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/846,522  
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Title: AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM, AUTHENTICATION METHOD,  
AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS, AND AUTHENTICATION METHOD  
THEREOF  
Art Unit: 2136  
Examiner: C. Colin  
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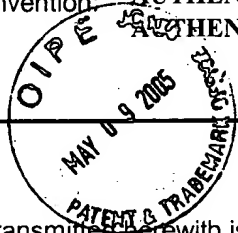


**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>   |                                      |                             |  | Docket No.<br><b>112857-221</b> |                                 |
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| Invention: <b>AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM, AUTHENTICATION METHOD, AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS, AND AUTHENTICATION METHOD THEREOF</b>  |                                      |                             |  |                                 |                                 |
| <br><b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>  |                                      |                             |  |                                 |                                 |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |                                      |                             |  |                                 |                                 |
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